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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-18 as follows:

1) (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for extracting specific content from a document comprising content, comprising the steps of:

creating at least one selection envelope based upon a plurality of selection commands for locating said specific content within said document; and

selecting said specific content from said document based upon said at least one selection envelope.

2) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein said selection envelope comprises:

a begin marker and an end marker, which respectively define the beginning and end of said selection envelope.

3) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein said at least one selection envelope comprises:

a parent envelope and a child envelope.

4) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 3 wherein said child envelope is nested within said parent envelope.

5) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 3 wherein said child envelope partially overlaps said parent envelope.

6) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 3 wherein said child envelope is completely outside of said parent envelope.

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- 7) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of selection commands comprises:  
a command based on document structure.
- 8) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of selection commands ~~includes~~ comprises:  
a command based on a character pattern.
- 9) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of selection commands ~~comprises~~ comprises:  
a combined command based on both document structure and a character pattern.
- 10) (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for extracting desired content from a source, comprising the steps of:  
~~identifying said source for extracting content;~~  
parameterizing at least one selection command to operate on said source;  
defining a selection envelope to select said desired content from said source by use of said at least one selection command;  
selecting selected content from said source by use of said selection envelope;  
determining whether said selected content is said desired content ~~has been selected~~; and  
extracting said selected content if said selected content is said desired content ~~has been selected~~.
- 11) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:  
defining a second selection envelope by use of at least one second selection command if said selected content is not said desired content ~~has not been selected~~;  
selecting second selected content from said source by use of said second selection envelope;

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determining whether said second selected content is said desired content ~~has been~~  
selected; and

extracting said second selected content if said second selected content is said desired  
content ~~has been selected~~.

12) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 11 wherein said first  
selection envelope comprises a parent envelope and said second selection envelope comprises a  
child envelope.

13) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 10 wherein said source  
comprises:  
a document.

14) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 10 wherein said source  
comprises:  
a section of a document.

15) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 10 wherein said step of  
parameterizing said at least one selection command [[includes]] comprises:  
determining whether said source is structured or unstructured, and  
selecting said at least one selection command [[is]] based upon this determination.

16) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 15 wherein said at least one  
selection command comprises:  
a structure based command selected from the group including:  
select by name commands, select by location commands, select by sibling relationship  
commands, select by attribute commands and select by counter commands.

17) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 15 wherein said at least one  
selection command comprises:

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a character based command selected from the group including:  
select text contain commands and select text matching pattern commands.

- 18) (Currently Amended) The computer-based method of claim 15 wherein said at least one selection command comprises:  
a combined structure and character based command.

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